

Amendments to Claims -- Listing of Claims

Claims 1-76 canceled.

77. (Currently amended) A checkout device comprising:
a scale assembly including a base portion and a weigh
~~scale~~plate over the base portion;
wherein the weigh plate includes an aperture;
a barcode reader between the base portion and the ~~weight~~
~~scale~~weigh plate, the bar code reader reading ~~which reads a~~
barcode affixed to an item through the aperture in the weigh
plate; and
a security label deactivation system between the base
portion and the weigh plate which deactivates a security label
affixed to the item after the barcode is read by the barcode
reader, the security label deactivation system integrated within
the scale assembly.

78. (Previously presented) The checkout device as recited
in claim 77, wherein the barcode reader enables the security
label deactivation system following reading of the barcode.

79. (Currently amended) ~~The A checkout device as recited~~
~~in claim 77~~comprising:
a scale assembly including a base portion and a weigh plate
over the base portion;
wherein the weigh plate includes an aperture;
a barcode reader between the base portion and the weigh
plate, the bar code reader reading a barcode affixed to an item
through the aperture in the weigh plate; and

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a security label deactivation system between the base portion and the weigh plate which deactivates a security label affixed to the item after the barcode is read by the barcode reader, the security label deactivation system integrated within the scale assembly,

wherein the security label deactivation system includes a magnetic coil assembly for sensing and deactivating a-the security label.

80. (Previously amended) The checkout device as recited in claim 79, wherein the barcode reader reads the barcode before the magnetic coil assembly senses and deactivates the security label.

81. (Previously presented) The checkout device as recited in claim 77, further comprising an interlock which enables the security label deactivation system following reading of the barcode.

82. (Currently amended) The checkout device as recited in claim 77, wherein the scale assembly ~~fits~~ is installed within a ~~standard checkstand hole measuring about 11.5 inches by 20 inches.~~

83. (Currently amended) A checkout system comprising:
a checkout device including
a scale assembly including a base portion and a weigh ~~scale plate~~ over the base portion; wherein the weigh plate includes an aperture;
a barcode reader between the base portion and the

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~~weight scale which reads weigh plate, the barcode reader reading a barcode affixed to an item~~ through the aperture in the weigh plate; and

an security label deactivation system between the base portion and the ~~weightweigh scale which deactivates a security label affixed to the item after the barcode is read by the barcode reader, the security label deactivation system integrated within the scale assembly;~~

a transaction terminal; and

~~a cable coupling the checkout device to the transaction terminal, including lines for providing power to the barcode reader and the scale assembly.~~

Claims 84-87 cancelled

88. (Currently amended) A checkout method comprising the steps of:

reading a barcode label on an item moving in a path, which crosses an aperture of a scale weigh plate by a barcode reader between the aperture and a scale base portion;

sending a signal to an interface~~interlock~~ by the barcode reader;

enabling a security label deactivation system between the scale weigh plate and the scale base portion and in a downstream position from the barcode reader relative to the path of the item, the security label deactivation system integrated within the scale weigh plate and the scale base portion;

detecting a security label on the item by the security label deactivation system as the item moves along the path and crosses the security label deactivation system; and

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deactivating the security label by the security label deactivation system.

89. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 88, wherein the detecting step comprises the substeps of:

sensing movement of a magnetic material in the security label as it passes near a magnetic coil assembly in the security label deactivation system.

90. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A checkout method as recited in claim 89 comprising the steps of:

reading a barcode label on an item moving in a path, which crosses an aperture of a scale weigh plate by a barcode reader between the aperture and a scale base portion;

sending a signal to an interface by the barcode reader;

enabling a security label deactivation system between the scale weigh plate and the scale base portion and in a downstream position from the barcode reader relative to the path of the item, the security label deactivation system integrated within the scale weigh plate and the scale base portion;

detecting a security label on the item by the security label deactivation system as the item moves along the path and crosses the security label deactivation system; and

deactivating the security label by the security label deactivation system, wherein the detecting step comprises the substeps of:

demagnetizing a magnetic material in the security label as it passes near a magnetic coil assembly in the security label deactivation system.

91. (New) The checkout device of claim 77 wherein the security label deactivation system is activated as the item travels along a path which crosses the aperture and continues above the plane of the weigh plate, in response to an enabling signal sent by the barcode reader upon successful read of the barcode affixed to the item, the security label deactivation system operating to deactivate the security label affixed to the item while the item continues traveling along the path.

92. (New) The checkout device of claim 77 further comprising:

an interface for activating the security label deactivation system, as the item travels along a path which crosses the aperture for the barcode reader in response to a successful read of the barcode affixed to the item, the interface activating the security label deactivation system in response to an enable signal transmitted by the barcode reader, the activated security label deactivation system operating to deactivate the security label affixed to the item while the item continues traveling along the path.

93. (New) The checkout device of claim 77 wherein the barcode reader reads the barcode affixed to the item and the security label deactivation system deactivates the security label affixed to the item within the time it takes to pass the item along a path which crosses the aperture and continues above the plane of the weigh plate.